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#10 Has the child been clinically diagnosed as having a disability(ies)? 1=Yes 2=No 3=Not yet Determined If yes, indicate each type of a disability with a "1."	2	Screen: Special Needs Detail (SPND) and Client Maintenance Screen Program Code: Paragraphs 6100 and 6200 and Program S472N846 (ICD – 9 codes) The program code initializes this field to "no." This is a derived field from the disability category fields (FC #11-15). If none of the categories are selected, then the response remains a "2." There is not an option of "not yet determined" or "no."	Modify the input screen to collect this information as a question with all of the AFCARS responses. Modify the program to extract all of the AFCARS values. Modify the initialization from "no" to space. Submit the revised code and input screen to ACF.		
#11 - 15 Diagnosed Disabilities		The State has mapped all ICD-9 codes into AFCARS, but all of the codes are not appropriate for	Revise and update mapping of the ICD-9 codes. Remove those that are not		
[0 = Does not apply] 1 = Applies #11 Mental Retardation #12 Visually/Hearing Impaired #13 Physically Disabled #14 Emotionally Disturbed #15 Other Diagnosed Condition		AFCARS reporting. #15: The data entry screen has an option of "special medical consideration" that is a generic catch-all category. Alcohol and drug abuse are mapped to #15, "other."	directly relevant as a "disability." The State should refer to the "Disability/Special Needs Code Table" as an additional reference (http://acf.hhs.gov/programs /cb/dis/afcars/resources). Remove mapping of		

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			"Special medical consideration"		
			Remove mapping and extraction of alcohol and drug abuse.		
			The State's Improvement Plan update should include the final version used for this category, if completed.		
			Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	2	Screens: Services List (SERL) and Foster Care Detail (FOSD). Program Code: Paragraphs 4000 and 8900			
		The program code checks for a "placement exit date" with an exit reason of "961, return home," "962, transfer custody to other parent;" or "964, placement with suitable person" for a new	Modify program code to check all reasons for exit from care.		

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	Factor			Completed	ACF's Sign-off Notes
		foster care service that starts after the last return home. Three records analyzed in the case file review had different	The State needs to investigate cause and share	Date	
		dates reported for the first and latest removal and the number of removals reported was one. The date of discharge from the prior removal episode was also missing.	its findings with ACF. The State and ACF will discuss what corrections, if any, will be necessary.		
			Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#20 Date Child was Discharged from last foster care episode (if applicable)	2	Screens: Services List (SERL) and Foster Care Detail (FOSD). Program Code: Paragraph 4000 (Discharge exit reason for current removal paragraph 4500)			
		Code checks for a "placement exit date" with an exit reason of "961, return home," "962, transfer custody to other parent;" "964, placement with suitable	Modify program code to check all reasons for exit from care. As changes are made to FC		

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		person" with a new foster care service that starts after the last return home.	element #58, make corresponding changes to this element.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#23 Date of Placement in Current Foster Care Setting	2	Screens: Services List (SERL) and Foster Care Detail (FOSD). Program Code: Paragraph 3900			
		The date of placement may not be accurate and may change when it should not.	Modify code to check for providers, so if the status of the provider changes the date of current placement in AFCARS does not change.		
		The date of placement should reflect the date a child enters "runaway" or when a child is returned home while still in the agency's responsibility for care, placement or supervision (placement setting of "trial home	Modify program code to extract the start date of a "trial home visit." Modify program code to extract the start date of a "runaway."		
		visit").	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		

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			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	2	Screens: Services List (SERL) and Foster Care Detail (FOSD). Program Code: Paragraphs 4000 and 4300			
		If the status of a provider changes, (i.e., from foster home to pre-adopt home) the program counts as a change in placement.	The State needs to modify the program code to check for providers and not count a change in status.		
		The placement count includes a return to the same placement setting from a "runaway," "trial home visit," or "acute stay hospitalizations."	Modify program code to not count the placement setting that a child returns to after running away if it is the same setting.		
			Modify program code to not count the placement setting that a child returns to after a "trial home visit" if it is the same setting.		
			Modify program code to not count the placement setting that a child returns to after an "acute stay hospitalizations" if it is the same setting.		

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			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.	Date	
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for Current placement Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	2	Screen: Client Detail (CLTD) Code table: LGL – Legal Status of client Program Code: Paragraph 4600 The program code extracts the current "legal status" that is entered by the worker. If a child's original placement is under a "voluntary placement agreement" and a subsequent court order to continue placement is obtained, the program code extracts "court order" not "voluntary."	Modify the program code so the original manner of removal, "voluntary," continues to be reported for the child for his/her current removal episode. Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#26 – 40 Actions or Conditions Associated With Child's Removal (Indicate all that apply with a "1".) [0-Does not Apply] 1-Applies	2	Screens: Adoption Detail (ADOD), Foster Care Detail (FOSD) and Removal From Home Detail (REMR). Program Code: Paragraph 5000 and Program S472N846 (ICD – 9 codes)			

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#26 Physical Abuse		The removal reasons are not	Modify and extract this data		
#27 Sexual Abuse		locked and associated with the	from the "REMR" screen		
#28 Neglect		removal at the time of the	only.		
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse		removal. Removal reasons can			
#30 Parent Drug Abuse		be updated.	Establish a reasonable		
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse			timeframe and then "freeze"		
#32 Child Drug Abuse			this information.		
#33 Child Disability					
#34 Child's Behavior			Implement a method to		
Problem			ensure workers select all		
#35 Death of Parent			circumstances associated		
#36 Incarceration of			with removal.		
Parent					
#37 Caretaker Inability to			Re-submit 2003B data.		
Cope Due to Illness or					
Other Reasons			ACF will evaluate current		
#38 Abandonment			data files to assess		
#39 Relinquishment			improvement.		
#40 Inadequate Housing					
#41 Current Placement	2	Screens: Foster Care Detail			
Setting		(FOSD) and Adoption Detail			
		(ADOD).			
1 = Pre-Adoptive Home		Code Table: LVL - Level of care			
2 = Foster Family Home-		Program Code: Paragraph 5300			
Relative		for "3," "4," "5," and "6;" 5100			
3 = Foster Family Home-		for "7;" 8900 sets value to "1" if			
Non-Relative		the "service type" is "ADOD"			
4 = Group Home		and was "pre-subsidy."			
5 = Institution 6 = Supervised		The State has shelter care	Modify the program code,		
Independent Living		placements that are residential	code tables, and screen if		
7 = Runaway		and may house up to 12 children	necessary, to separate those		
8 = Trial Home Visit		or more. The State is mapping	facilities that house more		
6 – Iliai fiolile visit		all these settings to "group	than 12 children from those		
		home."	that house 7 – 12.		
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			Map facilities of 7 to 12 children to "group home" and those with more than 12 to "institution."		
		The State's code "100" only refers to "foster home" and does not characterize the specific type of foster home.	The State needs to review and provide ACF with its findings and decision on how to address.		
		AFCARS codes for "pre-adopt," "relative placement," and "non-relative" are not set anywhere else in the program code.	Provide program code with changes.		
		State does not report non-paid relative placements.	Submit program code that reflects the June 30, 2004 modifications to collect "relative" placements.		
			Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		

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#43 Most recent case plan goal 1 = Reunify With Parent(s) Or Principal Caretaker(s) 2 = Live With Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Long Term Foster Care	2	Screen: Initial Assessment Detail (INAD) Code table: PRM – Permanency plan goals Program Code: Paragraph 5400. Paragraph 8900: If service type is "ADOD" the goal is set to "adoption."			
5 = Emancipation 6 = Guardianship 7 = Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established		The screen from which the code extracts this information is not the most appropriate screen.	The State needs to evaluate which screen would be most appropriate to enter this information and notify ACF of its decision and plan for changes.		
		Spaces are mapped to "case plan goal not yet established."	Map missing fields to spaces after 60 days.		
		The State is considering adding an alert to the system to remind workers at 60 days that a case plan goal must be established.	Submit State's decision to ACF. Provide ACF with screen and/or program code changes as appropriate.		
		Case file reviewers indicated in nine records a case plan goal should have been "long-term foster care." In one record what was reported to AFCARS was "guardianship" and the others the goal was "reunify."	Implement a method to ensure timely entry and updates of case plan goal.		

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			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#44 Caretaker Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine	2	Screens: Relationship Detail (RELD); Relationship List (RELL); and, Person Detail (PERD) Program Code: Paragraphs: 7000, 7100, 7150, 7300 and 7400 The State's program code has several combinations for the caretakers. All possible combinations are not included. "Separated" is mapped to single.	Modify the program code by removing combinations and extract information on the caretakers' marital status at the time the child was removed. Map "separated" to "married." Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the		
			most recent report period data.		
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple	2	Screen: Provider Person Detail (PRPD) Program code paragraph number: 6900			
2 = Unmarried Couple		"Separated" is mapped to	Map "separated" to		

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3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male		"single."	"married."		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#58 Reason for Discharge [0 = Not Applicable] 1 = Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	2	Screens: Adoption Detail (ADOD) and Foster Care Detail (FOSD) Program Code: Paragraph 4500. For adoption exit reason paragraph 8900.			
2 = Living with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Emancipation 5 = Guardianship		"Placement with a suitable person" is mapped to "reunification."	Map "placement with a suitable person" to "not applicable."		
6 = Transfer to Another Agency 7 = Runaway		If a child exits foster care to a relative, and the agency no longer has responsibility for care,	Add the value "living with other relative."		
8 = Death of Child		placement or supervision, it is recorded as "discharge to a suitable person," which is mapped to "reunification."	Instruct workers to use this option when a child is discharged to a relative, not "placed."		
			Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		

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			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#5 Date of Most Recent Periodic Review (if applicable)	3	Screen: Review Detail (REVD) Program Code: Paragraph 8600 and 8700			
		The State needs to investigate why there are older dates reported for this element.	The State needs to develop a method to ensure timely entry of the dates of periodic reviews.		
			The State needs to resubmit the data file for the 2003B report period.		
			ACF will review current data files to assess improvement in response rate.		
Race: #8 Child's; #52 1 st Foster Caretaker; #54 2 nd Foster Caretaker	3	Screen: Person Detail (PERD) Program Code: Paragraph 6450.			
a = American Indian or Alaskan Native b = Asian c = Black or African American d = Native Hawaiian		The field for "unable to determine" is used for both race and ethnicity. The "unable to determine" field for race should not be used for ethnicity. Post site-visit analysis: The entry field was modified.	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data after		
Pacific Islander e = White F = Unable to Determine		J	the change has been made in production. ACF will also evaluate the		
			most recent report period		

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	Factor			Completed Date	ACF's Sign-off Notes
			data.		
Hispanic/Latino Origin: #9 Child; #53 1 st Foster Caretaker; #55 2 nd Foster Caretaker 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	3	Screen: Person Detail (PERD) Program Code: Paragraph 6450. The entry screen has only the option "yes" for workers to enter. The program code maps blanks to "no." Also, the "unable to determine" field for race is used for ethnicity. Post site-visit analysis: A new code table was created and the program code was modified. The screen has	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data after the change has been made in production.		
		been modified and "no" and "unable to determine" were added as options.	ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#16 Has this child ever been adopted?	3	Screen: Client Detail (CLTD) Program Code: Paragraphs 8950 and 8975			
1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine		The data for this element needs to be cleaned up.	Implement a method to update current records.		
#17 If yes, how old was the child when the adoption was legalized?			Implement a process to ensure timely and accurate entry of this data occurs.		
[0 = Not Applicable] 1 = less than 2 years old 2 = 2-5 years old 3 = 6-12 years old 4 = 13 years or older			Train workers that "unable to determine" should only be used if the child was abandoned.		
5 = Unable to Determine			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		

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			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	3	Screens: Foster Care Detail (FOSD) and Adoption Detail (ADOD). Program Code: Paragraph 3800 Case file analysis indicates	Implement a method to		
		records had incorrect dates of first removal.	update current records, and any prior closed cases that re-open, to ensure entry and reporting of the correct date of first removal.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#21 Date of Latest Removal	3	Screens: Services List (SERL) and Foster Care Detail (FOSD). Program Code: Paragraph 4200			
		Children that return home and are placed back into foster care prior to six months are reported as new removals and not a continuation of the same foster care removal episode.	Instruct workers to enter the information as placement changes and not new removals.		
		When a child that is placed with a relative is moved to a different placement location, the	Instruct workers to enter a placement change reason when a child moves from a		

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		"placement change" is treated as a new removal.	relative placement. Monitor the accuracy of this		
			data once changes for relative placements are made.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#45 1 st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	3	Screen: Person Detail (PERD) Program Code: Paragraph 7500			
#46 2 nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year (if applicable)		Reviewers found dates of birth for caretakers that were not reported to AFCARS.	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	3	Screen: Court Detail (FCTD) Program Code: Paragraph 8800			
#48 Legal or Putative Father's TPR		State made changes in program code to extract the "filed" date	Monitor accuracy of data.		
		instead of the "event date."	Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		

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			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#61 Title IV-A (Aid to Families with Dependent Children)	3	Screen: Monthly Payment Detail (MPAY) Program paragraph number 8450.			
		Changes in program code were completed.	Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#63 Title XIX (Medicaid)	3	Screen: Monthly Payment Detail (MPAY)			
		Changes in program code were completed.	Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#65 None of the Above	3	Screen: Monthly Payment Detail (MPAY) Program Code: Paragraphs 8450 and 8900.			
		Changes in program code were completed.	Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#66. Amount Of Monthly Foster Care Payment	3	Screen: Monthly Payment Detail (MPAY)			

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	Factor			Completed	ACF's Sign-off Notes
				Date	
(regardless of source)		Program Code: Paragraph 7900	Re-submit 2003B data to		
		Changes in program code were	ACF.		
		completed.			
			ACF will also evaluate the		
			most recent report period		
			data.		

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#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs?	2	Screen: Special Needs Detail (SPND) Program Code: Paragraph 3800			
1 = Yes 2 = No #10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs		There was a significant inconsistency between the number of records with a "yes" response in this element and those in AD element #35, "receiving monthly subsidy."	Modify the program code to map missing information to spaces. Modify the program code to extract the condition marked by the worker as "P,		
0 = Not Applicable 1 = Racial/Original Background 2 = Age 3 = Membership in a Sibling Group 4 = Medical Conditions or Mental, Physical or Emotional Disabilities 5 = Other State Defined		If no special needs are found, AD element #10 is mapped to "not applicable" and #9 is mapped to "no." This is giving a false "no" response to these elements. The program code primarily extracts medical conditions.	primary." Make this a mandatory field, create a tickler or an internal edit check to ensure that this data is entered. Re-submit 2003B data to		
Special Needs			ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#11 - 15 Diagnosed Disabilities [0 = Does not apply] 1 = Applies	2	Screen: Special Needs Detail (SPND) and Client Maintenance Screen Program Code: Paragraphs and Program S472N846 (ICD – 9 codes)			
#11 Mental Retardation #12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	_	The State has mapped all ICD-9 codes into AFCARS but all of	Revise and update mapping of the ICD-9 codes.		

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#13 Physically Disabled #14 Emotionally Disturbed #15 Other Diagnosed Condition		the codes are not appropriate for AFCARS reporting. #15: The data entry screen has an option of "special medical consideration" that is a generic catch-all category. Alcohol and drug abuse are mapped to #15, "other."	Remove those that are not directly relevant as a "disability." (References: 45 CFR 1355, Appendix A and "Disability/Special Needs Code Table" http://acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/dis/afcars/resources.) Map "Special medical consideration" to adoption element #10 as the value "5, other State defined." If State considers drug and alcohol abuse a condition for "special needs" adoptions, map to adoption element #10 as the value "5, other State defined." Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child	2	Screen: Provider Person Detail (PRPD) Program Code: Paragraphs 4500,			

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#29 - Stepparent #30 - Adoptive Parent to		5600 and 5800		= 3335	
Child - Other Relative #31 - Foster Parent #32 - Other Non-Relative		State only reports one relationship.	Modify the screen to allow caseworkers to select more than one relationship.		
			Modify the program code to extract more than one relationship.		
			Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State	2	Screen: Adoption Detail (ADOD) Program Code: Paragraph 2500			
2 = Another State 3 = Another Country		"Child placed from" is hard coded as "within State."	Develop a field for this element for the worker to select in the "State of		
			origin" field or, as an alternative, extract from existing fields if available.		
			Modify the program code to extract appropriate response. Implement training and data		

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			quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		
			Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		
			ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#34 Child Was Placed by	2	Program code: Paragraph 2500			
1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent		State hard-codes "public agency."	Modify the screen, if applicable, to allow worker to enter where the "child was placed from." Modify the program code to extract the appropriate response. Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data to		
			ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#6 Child Sex	3	Screen: Person Detail (PERD) Program Code: Paragraph 2500			
1 = Male					

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2 = Female		The program code only checks for "male." Post site-visit analysis: Program code at paragraph 2500 was modified by removing the "else" statement and directly mapping the codes for "male" and "female."	Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
Race: #7 Child; #25 Adoptive Mother; #27 Adoptive Father a = American Indian or Native b = Asian c = Black or African American d = Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander e = White f = Unable to Determine	3	Screen: Person Detail (PERD) Program Code: 3100 and 4550 The field for "unable to determine" is used for both race and ethnicity. The "unable to determine" field for race should not be used for ethnicity. Post site-visit analysis: The entry field has been modified.	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data after the change has been made in production. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
Hispanic Origin: #8 Child; #26 Adoptive Mother; #28 Adoptive Father 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	3	Screen: Person Detail (PERD) Program Code: 3100 and 4550 The entry screen has only the option "yes" for workers to enter. The program code maps blanks to "no." Also, the "unable to determine" field for race is used for ethnicity. Post site-visit analysis: A new code table was created and the program code was modified. The screen has been modified and "no" and	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data after the change has been made in production. ACF will also evaluate the		

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		"unable to determine" were added as options.	most recent report period data.		
#17 Father's Birth Year	3	The rating factor was changed for this element based on the case file review. The State should ensure that workers enter this data if it is known.	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	3	Screen: Client Detail (CLTD) Program Code: Paragraphs 6500 and 7500 Program code changes were completed. Reviewers found mother's marital status at time of child's birth in case files that were not reported to AFCARS.	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#19 Date of Mother's TPR #20 Date of Father's TPR	3	Screens: Court Detail (FCTD), Person Detail (PERD) and Event List (EVEL) Program Code: Paragraph 6600 The State indicated that the date the TPR order is filed is what	Re-submit 2003B data to ACF.		

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AFCARS Data Element	Rating Factor	Findings	Task	Estimated/ Completed Date	State's Comments/Notes ACF's Sign-off Notes
		should be reported instead of the hearing date. The program code was corrected.	ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	3	There appears to be a need for training to clarify which date should be entered into the system, the actual court date or the filing date.	Implement training and data quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system. Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy 1=Yes 2=No	3	Screen: Adoption Detail (ADOD) Program Code: Paragraphs 2200 and 2500			
		The program code was corrected by removing initialization and checks for Medicaid only subsidies.	Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
#36 Monthly Amount	3	Program code changes were completed.	Re-submit 2003B data to ACF. ACF will also evaluate the most recent report period data.		
		The case file review indicated	Implement training and data		

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AFCARS Data Element	Rating	Findings	Task	Estimated/	State's Comments/Notes
	Factor			Completed	ACF's Sign-off Notes
				Date	
		responses in AFCARS of "no" and an adoption agreement was in the file.	quality oversight to ensure workers accurately enter this information into the system.		